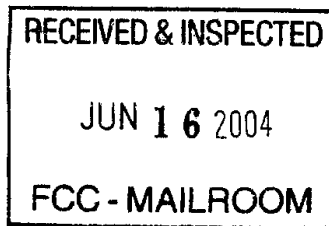


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June 14, 2004

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554



RE: MM Docket No. 99-325

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As the founding Chair of the Friends of the Public Radio Arizona ("FPRAZ"), I am writing in strong support of the FCC's authorization of the creation of a "supplemental audio channel" as radio moves forward with the transition from analog to digital broadcasting. We organized FPRAZ as a 501(c)(3) to support public radio in metropolitan Phoenix and Central Arizona, specifically, the activities of KJZZ and KBAQ radio stations.

While we ourselves love our stations and are extremely well-served by KJZZ and KBAQ, we recognize that there are significantly underserved audiences for non-commercial programming in our area. These are currently identified as primarily minority audiences (Hispanic, black, and Native American). Other beneficiaries could be identified in the future. The problem in our area, however, is that the lack of available spectrum in metropolitan Phoenix makes adding new stations to fill these yawning gaps impossible.

The advent of HD radio, and the potential for creation of a supplemental audio channel could provide our stations with a unique opportunity to provide additional levels of public service.

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Therefore, we encourage the FCC to provide the authorizations needed to facilitate this option.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susan E. Edwards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" and last name "Edwards" clearly legible.

Susan E. Edwards
Chair
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